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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

July 25, 2002

Early-Season Migratory Bird Hunting Season Recommendations

Approval

Presented by Mike Checkett

Early-season migratory game bird season selections are due to the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service by August 1. Therefore, the Commission must finalize these hunting season regulations at its July meeting. To facilitate this time frame, proposals were presented to the Commission at its June meeting in Pine Bluff. After consideration of several alternatives, season proposals have been finalized and appropriate codes revised. Included in this package is a minute order and regulation codes for Commission approval.

Donny Harris, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

Approved 2002-2003 Early Migratory Bird Season And Code

Approved Changes - Red Ink
Calendar Modifications - Pink Ink

MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVES (12.01, 12.02)

September **1-23, 2002**, October **5-20, 2002** and December **14, 2002**-January **3, 2003**.

Mourning Doves: Daily bag and possession limits of 15 and 30.

Eurasian Collared Doves: No daily bag or possession limit.

VIRGINIA AND SORA RAILS (12.05, 12.06)

September 1-November 9, **2002**.

Daily bag and possession limits of 25 and 25, singly or in aggregate.

COMMON MOORHEN AND PURPLE GALLINULE (12.11, 12.12, 12.13, 12.14)

September 1-November 9, **2002**.

Daily bag and possession limits of 15 and 30, singly or in aggregate.

COMMON SNIPE (codes 12.09, 12.10)

November **2, 2002**-February **16, 2003**.

Daily bag and possession limits of 8 and 16, singly or in aggregate.

AMERICAN WOODCOCK (12.07, 12.08)

November **9**-December **8, 2002** and December **28, 2002**-January **11, 2003**.

Daily bag and possession limits of 3 and 6.

Shooting hours for all species listed above are from one-half hour before sunrise until sunset.

SPECIAL SEPTEMBER TEAL SEASON (12.03, 12.04)

September 14-22, 2002.

Daily bag and possession limits of 4 and 8 teal.

Special September Teal shooting hours are sunrise until sunset.

Approved Code Changes and Modifications

- 12.01**
07-00 **MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Mourning and Eurasian Collared Doves other than from September 1-23, 2002, October 5-20, 2002 and December 14, 2002-January 3, 2003.
EXCEPTION:
(1) In compliance with applicable WMA regulations.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.02**
07-00 **MOURNING AND EURASIAN COLLARED DOVE DAILY BAG AND POSSESSION RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take more than fifteen (15) Mourning Doves in any one day and to possess more than two (2) daily bag limits. Eurasian Collared Doves may be taken during dove seasons with no daily bag or possession limit. Eurasian Collared Doves must remain fully feathered in the field and while being transported from the field.
PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.03**
07-00 **TEAL SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Teal other than from September 14-22, 2002.
EXCEPTION:
(1) Teal may be taken in compliance with Code 12.15, Duck and Coot Season Restrictions and Code 12.17, Duck Daily Bag and Possession Restrictions.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.05**
07-00 **RAIL (VIRGINIA & SORA) SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take Rail other than from September 1 - November 9, 2002.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.07**
07-00 **WOODCOCK SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take woodcock other than from November 9 - December 8, 2002 and December 28, 2002 - January 11, 2003.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.09**
07-00 **COMMON SNIPE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take common snipe other than from November 2, 2002 - February 16, 2003.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.11**
07-00 **PURPLE GALLINULE SEASON RESTRICTIONS.** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take purple gallinule other than from September 1 - November 9, 2002.
PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.
- 12.13**
07-00 **COMMON MOORHEN SEASON RESTRICTIONS:** It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take common moorhen other than September 1 - November 9, 2002.

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: _____	SUBJECT: <u>2002-2003 Early Season Migratory</u>
DATE PASSED: <u>July 25, 2002</u>	<u>Hunting Regulations</u>
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WHEREAS, the United States Fish and Wildlife Service has proposed early-season regulation frameworks prescribing season lengths, shooting hours, and outside-dates within which states may select their 2002-2003 hunting seasons for migratory birds; and

WHEREAS, selection of Arkansas' early-season regulations is due by early August 2002;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDERED by the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission that contingent upon a no-change status in the Service's final early-season regulations frameworks, the Commission shall adopt those seasons as delineated in the attached codes.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	_____	_____	_____
	Donny Harris	Chairman	Commissioner
Division:	_____	_____	_____
	Wildlife Management	Vice Chairman	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	
	Legal	Commissioner	
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DEPARTMENT ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
DIVISION Wildlife
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Donny Harris
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE Approved 2002-2003 Early Migratory Bird Season And Code

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?

Yes: **No:**

2. If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain:

3. If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation.

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

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4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

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Arkansas Game and Fish Commission

Wildlife Management Division

July 25, 2002

2002-2003 WMD Hunting Season and Code Proposals

Approval

Presented by Donny Harris, Chief

Additional proposals and recommended code revisions of the Wildlife Management Division for the 2002-2003 hunting season were submitted at the June 26th Commission meeting. Attached are the final proposals and minute order for your approval.

Donny Harris, Chief
Wildlife Management Division

Approved 2002-2003 WMD STATEWIDE HUNTING SEASON AND CODE

Approved Changes are in Red Ink
Clarifications/Misprints are in Blue Ink

Furbearing Animal Hunting and Trapping (02.07, 02.11, 02.12, 10.09, 18.03, 22.01)

Proposed Change

Hunting: Sunrise, September 1, 2002-Sunset, February 28, 2003. Limit two per day per species.

Raccoon may be taken day or night from November 15, 2002-March 31, 2003. Dogs are required for night hunting. No limit. **Raccoon** may be hunted at night (with .22 short ammunition and the use of dogs) from July 1-**August 31, 2002** ~~November 14, 2002~~. Limit one.

Bobcats may be taken during daylight hours with archery tackle, firearms (.30 caliber or smaller) or shotguns (with T size or smaller shot). Limit two.

Muskrat, Nutria and Beaver trapping: Sunrise, November 15, 2002-sunset, March 31, 2003. No limit.

Trapping: Sunrise, November 15, 2002-Sunset, February 9, 2003. No limit.

Proposed Change

02.07 **FURBEARING ANIMAL SEASONS (2002-2003).** It shall be unlawful
07-02 to take or attempt to take furbearing animals anytime other than during the open furbearing animal seasons as specified herein: (Ref: 01.00-C Furbearing Animals).

- (A) Furbearing Animal Hunting: Sunrise, September 1, 2002 - Sunset, February 28, 2003. Limit two per day per species.
- (B) Furbearing Animal Trapping: Sunrise, November 15, 2002-Sunset, February 9, 2003. No Limit.
- (C) Muskrat, Nutria and Beaver Season: Sunrise, November 15, 2002 - Sunset, March 31, 2003. No limit.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Raccoon may be taken day or night from November 15, 2002 - March 31, 2003. No limit.
- (2) Raccoon may be hunted at night (with .22 short ammunition and the use of dogs) from July 1 – August 31, 2002 ~~November 14, 2002~~. Limit one.
- (3) In compliance with Commission Codes 02.09 (Coyote Hunting Season), 10.03 (Nuisance Furbearing Animal Trapping Restrictions), and 18.01 (Hunting Wildlife in Closed Season Prohibited).

In compliance with Commission Code 10.15, Live Fox and Coyote Buying and Selling Restrictions.

Furbearer hunting season closed on Cedar Creek WMA.

Furbearer hunting season closed, except chase for pleasure or training purposes on J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA.

Furbearer trapping season closed on Camp Robinson WDA.

On Wapanocca NWR, beaver and nutria may be taken during any daytime season with legal hunting devices, and raccoon and opossum may be taken only from November 1-30, 2002 and March 1-31, 2003.

PENALTY: \$200.00 to \$1,000.00.

Proposed Change

22.01

07-02

DOG RESTRICTIONS ON WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take, attempt to take, or pursue wildlife by the use of dogs on any Wildlife Management Areas.

EXCEPTIONS:

- (1) Permitted AKC, UKC and ACHA field trials when approved by the Commission.
- (2) Quail and Rabbit Dog Training: September 1-April 1, except during firearms deer hunts where dogs are not allowed.
- (3) Training dogs on Camp Robinson WDA, Wylie Cox Field Trial Area and J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA requires a current Arkansas hunting license and these areas are closed to dog training during organized field trials.
- (4) Dogs allowed for raccoon and opossum hunting at night only from September 1, 2002-February 28, 2003.
- (5) Use of dogs allowed for raccoon hunting at night (with .22 short ammunition only) from July 1-~~August 31, 2002~~ **November 14, 2002.**
- (6) J. Perry Mikles/Blue Mountain WDA is open for training raccoon dogs at night only and rabbit dogs **during May, June, July and August at any time.**
- (7) Waterfowl retrievers during open migratory bird seasons.
- (8) Dogs allowed for squirrel and rabbit hunting where no modern gun or muzzleloader deer season is open or where dogs are allowed for modern gun deer hunting; except restricted to December 1, 2002-January 31, 2003 on Felsenthal, Pond Creek and White River (North Unit) NWRs; January 15-February 28, 2003 on Bald Knob, Cache River NWRs; January 1-31, 2003 on Overflow NWR.
- (9) Quail hunting with bird dog breeds only, during open season.
- (10) Modern Gun deer hunting November 9-December 1, 2002 on Cherokee and November 18-December 1, 2002 on Gum Flats, Lake Greeson, Mt. Magazine and Provo WMAs.
- (11) Dogs allowed for coyote, fox and bobcat hunting November 15, 2002-February 9, 2003 on Casey Jones and Cherokee WMAs.
- (12) Dogs allowed for modern gun deer season on Blue Mountain, Dardanelle and Ozark Lake WMAs except no dogs on islands except waterfowl retrievers during waterfowl season and hunting furbearers at night.
- (13) Dogs allowed for squirrel hunting on the Casey Jones and Big Timber WMAs.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to 1,000.00.

Proposed Change

~~**20.17 HUNTING RESTRICTED DURING FLOODING WITHIN CERTAIN**~~

~~04-00 — WMA. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer within Big Lake WMA when the Seven Mile access gauge exceeds 236 m.s.l.; within the Dagmar WMA when the White River gauge at Clarendon exceeds 28 feet and will remain closed until White River falls below 27 feet on said gauge; within Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA when the Black River gauge at Corning exceeds 11 feet and will remain closed until Black River falls below 9.5 feet on said gauge; within the St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA when the St. Francis River gauge at Oak Donnick exceeds 216 MSI and will remain closed until St. Francis River falls below 215 MSI on said gauge; within the Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA when the Cache River gauge at Patterson exceeds 10 feet and will remain closed until Cache River falls below 8.5 feet on said gauge; and deer and turkey seasons will be closed on Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA when the White River gauge at Augusta exceeds 26 feet and will remain closed until the gauge falls to 14 feet or below at Georgetown as recorded in the statewide newspaper. PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.~~

20.17 HUNTING RESTRICTED DURING FLOODING WITHIN CERTAIN
07-02 WMAs. It shall be unlawful to take or attempt to take deer for each WMA as specified herein:

- (A) Big Lake WMA closes when the Seven Mile access gauge exceeds 236 m.s.l.
- (B) Benson Creek Natural Area WMA closes with Flood Prone Region D closes.
- (C) Brushy Creek WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
- (D) Dagmar WMA closes when Flood Prone Region D closes.
- (E) Dave Donaldson/Black River WMA closes when the Black River Flood Prone Region closes.
- (F) Earl Buss/Bayou DeView WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
- (G) Henry Gray/Hurricane Lake WMA closes when the White River gauge at Augusta exceeds 26 feet and will remain closed until the gauge falls to 14 feet or below at Georgetown.
- (H) Rex Hancock/Black Swamp WMA closes when the Cache River gauge at Patterson exceeds 10 feet and will remain closed until Cache River falls below 8.5 feet on said gauge.
- (I) St. Francis Sunken Lands WMA closes when the St. Francis River Flood Prone Region.
- (J) Trusten Holder WMA closes when Flood Prone Region F closes.
- (K) Wattensaw WMA closes when Flood Prone Region D closes.
- (L) Whitehall WMA closes when Flood Prone Region A closes.
- (M) Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake WMA closes when the Shirey Bay/Rainey Brake Flood Prone Region closes.

Current gauge readings and flood prone region closures can be obtained by calling AGFC toll free and by accessing the AGFC website.

PENALTY: \$100.00 to \$1,000.00.

Arkansas Game and Fish Commission
Little Rock, Arkansas

MINUTE ORDER NO: _____	SUBJECT: 2002-2003 Statewide and WMA
DATE PASSED: July 25, 2002	Hunting Regulations
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WHEREAS, the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission, meeting in regular session on July 25, 2002, has carefully reviewed and approved the attached additional hunting regulation proposals for statewide application, including for the AGFC Wildlife Management Areas; and

WHEREAS, the various sections of the AGFC Code Book affected by the adoption of these regulations must be replaced or amended, and then legally certified to the Secretary of State, the Arkansas State Library and the Bureau of Legislative Research in accordance with applicable law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission hereby approves and adopts the attached hunting regulations for the 2002-2003 hunting license year, and authorizes the Commission staff to proceed with making the appropriate AGFC Code Book revisions and legal certification.

	<u>STAFF APPROVAL</u>	<u>COMMISSION APPROVAL</u>	
Submitted by:	_____	_____	_____
	Donny Harris	Chairman	Commissioner
Division:	Wildlife Management	_____	_____
		Vice Chairman	Commissioner
Approved:	_____	_____	_____
	Director	Commissioner	Commissioner
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SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE 2002-2003 WMD Hunting Season and Code Proposals

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Yes: No:
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2000-01 Fiscal Year

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

1999-2000 Fiscal Year

2000-01 Fiscal Year

32.13
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CERTAIN EXOTIC FISH PROHIBITED. It shall be unlawful to import, transport, or possess in this state any fish commonly known as **snakehead (Family Channidae)**, walking catfish, stickleback, mexican banded tetra or piranha. These species may be possessed for display and educational purposes by written permit approved by the Chief of Fisheries.
PENALTY: \$250.00 to \$1,000.00.

DEPARTMENT ARKANSAS GAME & FISH COMMISSION
DIVISION Fisheries
PERSON COMPLETING THIS STATEMENT Brian Wagner
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FINANCIAL IMPACT STATEMENT

To comply with Act 1104 of 1995, please complete the following Financial Impact Statement and file with the questionnaire and proposed rules.

SHORT TITLE OF THIS RULE: Prohibition of Snakehead Emergency
Order/Code

1. Does this proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation have a financial impact?
Yes: No: X
2. If you believe that the development of a financial impact statement is so speculative as to be cost prohibited, please explain:
3. If the purpose of this rule or regulation is to implement a federal rule or regulation, please give the incremental cost for implementing the regulation.

2000-2001 Fiscal Year

2001-02 Fiscal Year

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4. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to any party subject to the proposed, amended, or repealed rule or regulation?

2000-01 Fiscal Year

2001-02 Fiscal Year

5. What is the total estimated cost by fiscal year to the agency to implement this regulation?

2000-01 Fiscal Year

2001-02 Fiscal Year